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Title	:	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 92 and 102-105.

Please amend claims 91 and 94 as follows:

91. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a semiconductor device, comprising:

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